

# Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

Follow these guidelines for a fun and safe visit:



**Wildlife observation, photography and hiking**

Enjoy year-round on marked trails.



**Camping**

Permitted only on overnight canoe trips and at designated areas in Stephen C. Foster State Park. Private, state, and county operated campgrounds are located near most refuge entrances.



**Fires**

Permitted in designated areas only. Be aware of restrictions during dry periods.



**Canoeing and motorboating**

Permitted year-round on marked trails. Outboard motors are limited to 10 hp or less. Each boat occupant is required to have a Coast Guard approved life preserver. Georgia law requires children 10 and under to wear life preservers in boats.



**Bicycling**

Permitted year round on the wildlife observation drive. Park bicycles at racks located at the entrance to the boardwalk, homestead and other hiking trails. Georgia law requires bicycle helmets for children under 16.



**Fishing**

Permitted year-round in accordance with Georgia State fishing laws. Using live minnows or trot lines is prohibited.



**Swimming and wading**

Prohibited in refuge waters, due to danger from alligators.



**Firearms and other weapons**

Prohibited on the refuge except during designated hunts.



**Pets**

Must be kept on a 10 foot leash. Pets are not permitted in public buildings. All pets must be kept out of boats, due to alligators.



**Alcohol**

Be aware of state, county, and local regulations regarding posession and consumption of alcohol.

**Disturbing or collecting plants, animals, or artifacts**

Strictly prohibited. Leave the area as you found it for others to enjoy.

**Feeding or harassing wildlife**

Strictly prohibited. Feeding animals causes them to lose their fear of humans and become aggressive. Human food causes digestive problems. Please help keep the animals healthy and safe.

**Wilderness canoeing**

Permits are available for 2-5 day trips through the Okefenokee.

Make reservations no more than 2 months in advance.

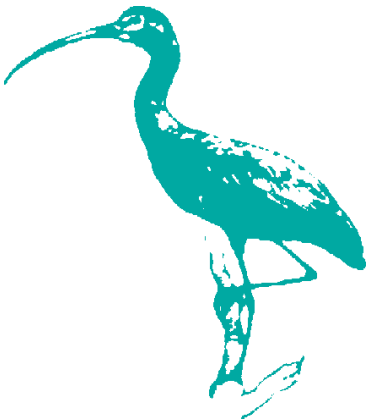
Call (912)496-3331 between 7 am and 10 am Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

**Special Events**

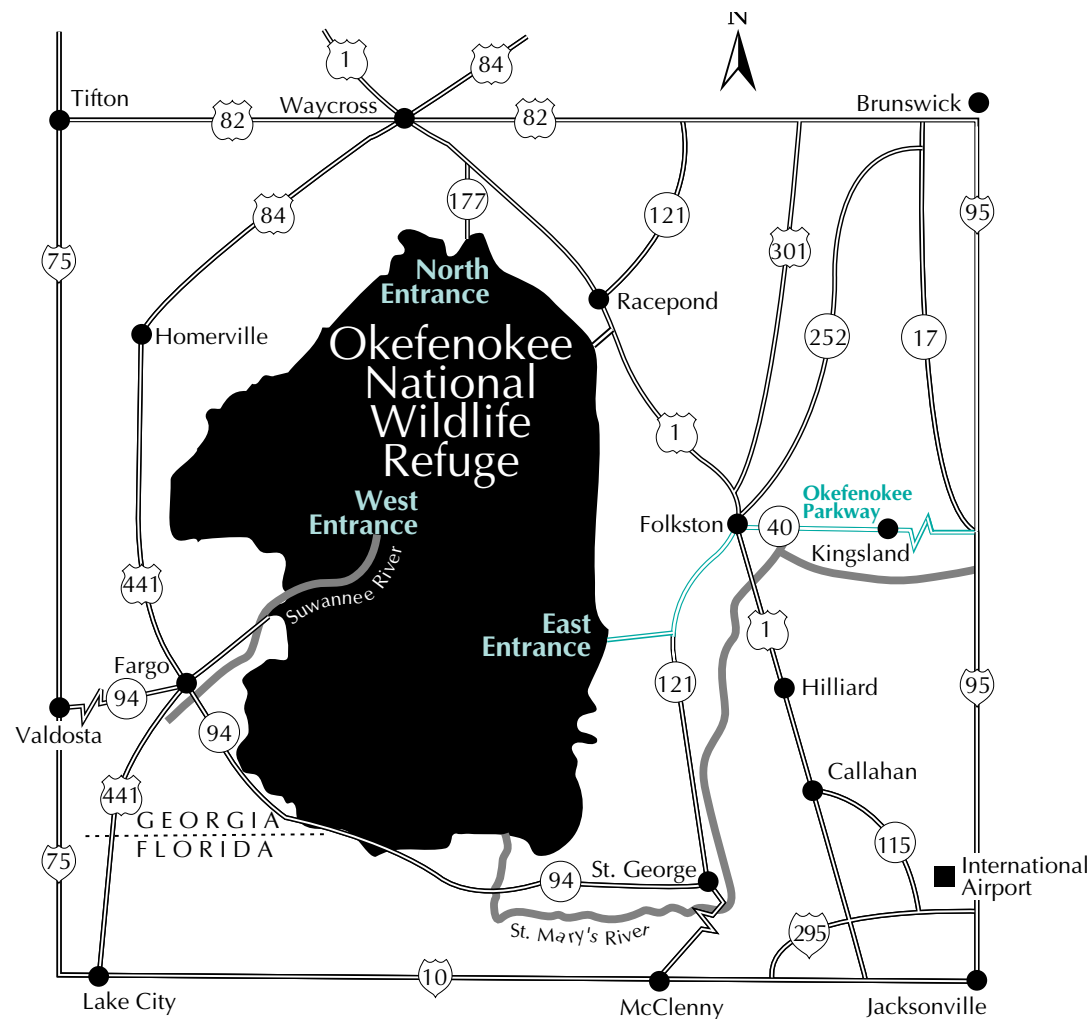
Wings over the Swamp	2nd weekend of February
National Wildlife Week / Earth Day	3rd weekend of April
Okefenokee Festival / National Wildlife Refuge Week	2nd weekend of October
Christmas Yule Log Celebration	2nd weekend of December

**For additional information about the refuge contact:**

Refuge Manager  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge  
Route 2, Box 3330  
Folkston, GA 31537  
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# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



## The East Entrance

The historic Suwannee Canal provides canoe and motorboat access to the vast, open "prairies" of the Okefenokee Swamp. The small natural lakes and gator holes dotting the prairies offer some of the area's finest freshwater sport fishing. Look for Florida sandhill cranes, wood storks, and white ibis feeding in open marshes. Turkey vultures, kingfishers, and prothonotary warblers are common along canal edges. Upland trails are excellent places to view endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, turkeys, and white-tailed deer.

## Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center

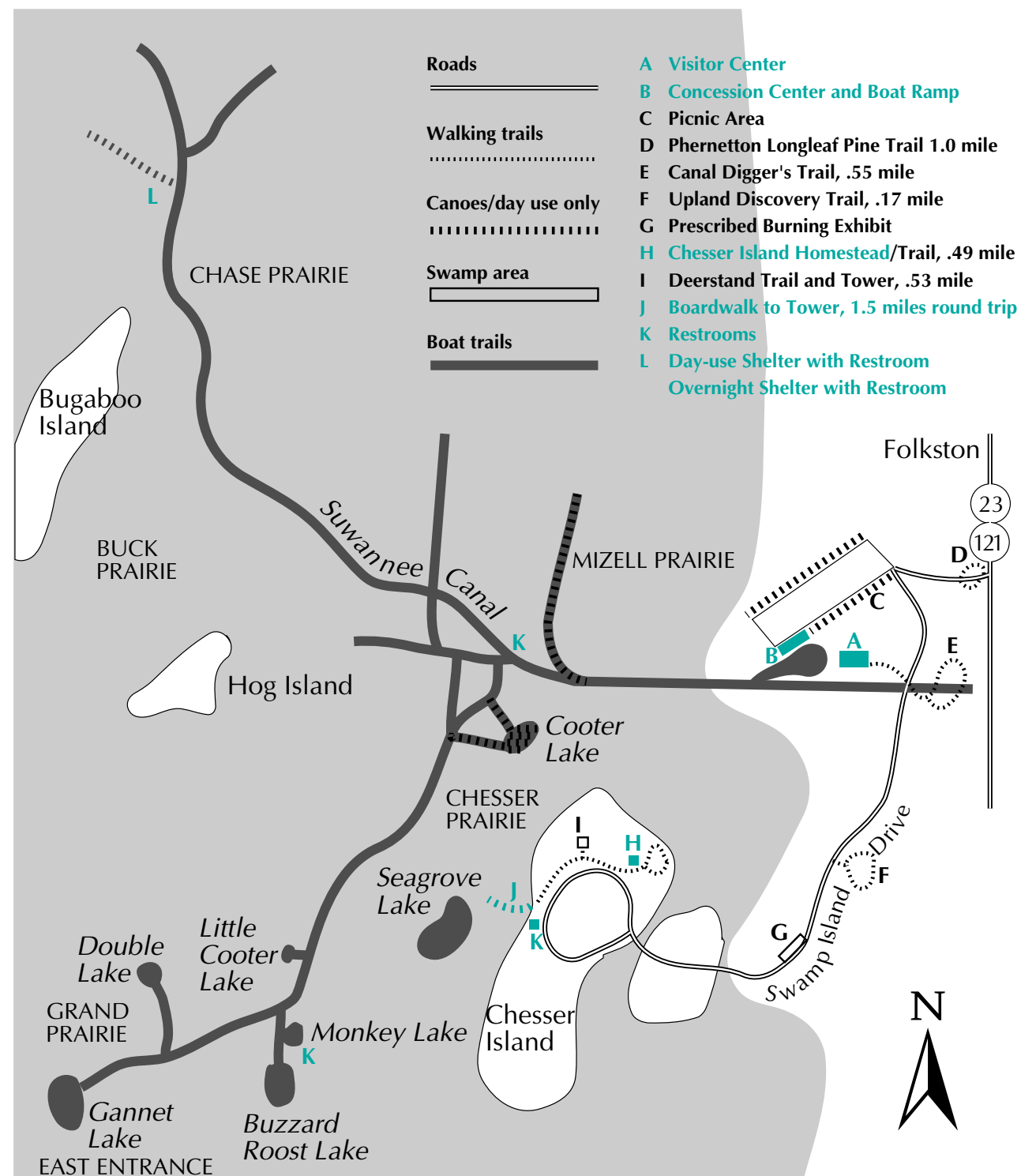
Volunteers and staff will provide detailed information and help you plan your visit. New exhibits will be installed early in the year 2000 - come back to see our new look!

## Concession Facilities

Take a guided boat tour, rent a canoe, eat lunch, or pick up a souvenir of your visit at the Concession building. Launch your own boat or canoe, rent camping and fishing supplies, and pick up supplies for a day in the swamp. Be sure to register with the concession before boating in the swamp - it's required!

## Entrance Fees

Entrance fees are required for all vehicles. Yearly and lifetime passes are available at the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center. This map was printed with funds from your entrance fees! Please continue to support the public use program at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge!



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